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The Reply Brief, filed on September 10, 2007, has been entered and considered. Appellant's arguments and the examiner's rebuttal are essentially the same as set forth in the Examiner's Answer, mailed on July 10, 2007.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chun Crowder whose telephone number is 571-272-8142. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on 571-272-0841. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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